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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

USINT CAIRO

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

S E C R E T KHARTOUM 0989

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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEFECTION SOMALIAN MILITARY ATTACHE CAIRO

1. IEG AMB ABDOU CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO CONVEY IN CONFIDENCE THAT LT. COL. ISMAIL ABDULA OTHMAN, SOMALI MILIATT CAIRO HAS DEFECTED, IS IN KHARTOUM AND HAS REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM. ACCORDING ABDOU, OTHMAN ARRIVED IN KHARTOUM APR 30 AFTER RECEIVING RECALL WHEN SOMALI AUTHORITIES BECAME AWARE HIS INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI- REGIME EFFORTS. HIS ENTRY INFO SUDAN FACILITATED BY SUDANESE AMB CAIRO. SOMALI AMB KHARTOUM, HAS REQUESTED OTHMAN BE TURNED OVER TO HIS EMBASSY FOR SHIPMENT TO MOGADISCIO (AND PRESUMABLY EXECUTION). SOMALI' S FOREIGN MINISTER CURRENTLY VISITING KHARTOUM DISCUSSING MATTER AND THREE SOMALIS (PRESUMED ASSASSINS) HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED BY SUDANESE POLICE FOLLOWING TIP FROM HOTEL OWNER WHERE OTHMAN STAYING (WITH HIS FOUR CHILDREN). GOS APPARENTLY STALLING FOR TIME AND DENYING ANY POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE OTHMAN INTENTIONS.

2. COMMENT: ABDOU MADE NO REQUEST FOR EMB/ USG ACTION OF ANY KIND AND I OBVIOUSLY VOLUNTEERED NONE. PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE SOMALI DEFECTOR IS PRECISELY KIND OF INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT GOS SEEKS AVOID GIVEN ITS EMPHASIS ON IMPROVED RELATIONS ETHIOPIA
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